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For: INTEGRATED DATA BANK)
COMBINING SYSTEM)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the divisional application referenced above.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in the parent application, Application No. 09/857,864, filing date June 12, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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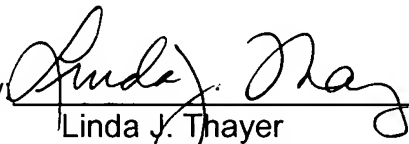
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